

New Shoreham Deer Task Force Minutes
September 14, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
6:30 p.m.

Present: Chair Heather Hatfield; Members: George Mellor, Paul Deane and Bill McKernan. Also present were DTF Fundraising Subcommittee members Becky Ballard and Ruth Perfido, and for the recording of minutes, Millie McGinnes. Member Richard Stinson was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Heather Hatfield.

1. Reports on Fundraising and Proposals to Conservancy Groups

Fundraising Subcommittee members Ruth Perfido and Becky Ballard were present. Ms. Perfido explained that they had successfully raised \$20,400 which has been received by the Town and have an additional \$31,000 pledged: totaling \$51,400. It was noted that the total does not include the \$12,500 in the FY 2016 budget or \$23,000 rolled over from last year's fundraising.

Ms. Perfido explained that she felt the funding should cover the next two years, giving the Town time to transition to cover all of the funding.

The members commended the amazing support of the community to the initiative.

Ms. Perfido stated that within the next month they would work with Paul Deane to draft proposals to the conservancy groups requesting they open up land for hunting.

2. Public Input

There was no public input.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 11, 2015

Mr. McKernan moved to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mellor and carried.

4 Ayes (Mellor, Deane, Hatfield, McKernan)

0 Nays

1 Absent (Stinson)

4. Discussion and Action on Fund-Raising Letters

It was noted that no more significant fundraising is needed at this time. Ms. Hatfield suggested sending a letter to the paper after the hunt with the results, asking for additional donations.

Mr. Deane moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Mr. Mellor seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: